

It is my belief this recommendation doesn't really resolve issues within the Amateur Radio Service. The author is asking that Technicians be given CW privileges in roughly two-thirds of the allocations while voice and data privileges in the remaining one-third. My first observation is that FCC licenses are granted in the public interest, convenience and necessity. Fewer and fewer CW qualified hams are making themselves available to organizations like Skywarn, ARES or RACES. There is getting to me more and more CW qualified hams who do make themselves available, but lack equipment for various reasons. The avocation needs more people with HF privileges to meet the demand of the stakeholders (emergency management and public safety agencies). I would venture to say that a good majority of the Technicians will ever take advantage of CW privileges on HF. In closing, if this proposal were to be implemented it would do nothing to get more people involved in the avocation and would not be in keeping of getting more hams involved in emergency communications.